

and tender toward a young, lovely and affectionate wife, he may be innocent, but he certainly is unfortunate."

Mrs. Whitney authorizes the following statement: "I dislike to say anything more for the press on this subject, but it distresses me very much that Mr. Dewey should have become involved in it. Still, it was the very fact that Mr. Dewey had told these stories that stung me into my indignant outburst, for if he would believe, as he says, that he would not repeat them unless he had what man or woman, in the whole land, would not have the right to believe them, too, for Mr. Dewey is eminent beyond all for fairness and courage to speak and for, and is beyond my criticism or praise in his kindness and indignation to harm others. And yet, of all men, was given as the authority for these stories, by one who, by several persons—for he forgot, in the excitement of telling them, that his vivid descriptive powers sent them flying again, and, in passing from one to another, his qualifications of them were forgotten. But his denial of belief in them now will do far more than anything I have said to crush them forever back into the dirt, whither they came. Please say, also, that what I said was without communication with, and without the knowledge of, anyone. I take the responsibility alone, and I am glad I did, for the letters I receive show that it was high time some one spoke."

#### COMMISSIONER EDGERTON.

Washington Gossip Insist That He Intends Resigning His Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—In connection with the issuance of the order directing the railway mail service and the talk about the appointment of Mr. Thompson, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, to fill the vacancy made in the Civil Service Commission by the retirement of Mr. Oberly, a good deal was said to-day about the absence of Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton. It is believed that Mr. Edgerton will soon retire from the commission, notwithstanding his denial of any intention to resign. One who has had much business before the Civil Service Commission during the past two years says that Mr. Edgerton has not, during that time, written a letter on the business of the commission; that he has not suggested a measure for the good of the service, and that in fact the only real work he has done on the commission was in assisting in the investigation of the Webster case in the Chicago custom-house, and to write a report thereon; an examination into the condition of the postoffice at Newark, N. J., and to sign the official letters of the commission prepared for his signature as president of the commission. It is stated, further, that during the last two years he has been in Washington not more than half the time, and it is urged that he has, in repeated conversations with representatives of the press, attempted to bring into question the propriety of the commission, and that he has, in fact, a decision, and a snarl. It is stated that the President and Secretary of War have under consideration the resignation of Mr. Edgerton, and that the President is inclined to accept it. It will be remembered that Secretary Edgerton was so greatly annoyed by repeated applications for appointments to positions in the civil service of the arsenals and armories that he directed General Bent to remove women and children to make vacancies.

What the Commissioner Says.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FR. WAYNE, Ind., Dec. 11.—In regard to the rumor sent out as to his resignation, Civil Service Commissioner A. P. Edgerton to-day authorized the following statement: "I have no thought of resigning. I was at the executive mansion on Friday afternoon, the 7th inst., with Commissioner Lyman, and it was then determined by the President and the commission that the railway mail service should be brought into the classified service, and the President's order, which I fully approved, was decided upon. It was then determined that the cause of my resignation and of my leaving Washington. I came home exclusively on private business, and intend to return in a few days."

#### ARCHITECT BELL.

Something About a Man Who Tried to Curry Favor with Democratic Bosses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Some of the Republicans of the Northwest will be interested in learning that Mr. L. Bell, late of Iowa, is already in the field as a candidate for the office of Supervising Architect of the Treasury. Mr. Bell filled that office for several years, and was only dismissed by Mr. Cleveland less than two years ago. Mr. Bell, during his incumbency in office, designed some of the most atrocious public buildings ever erected by a civilized government. Just before the election in 1884 he said to your correspondent that, under no circumstances, would he think of remaining in office for one single week if, through insupportable provocation, Mr. Cleveland would be elected, which he did not believe would be the case for a moment. Yet Mr. Cleveland had scarcely been elected forty-eight hours before this noble patriot and architect of the nation was called upon to hasten to Albany and congratulate the Governor upon his success. The ostensible purpose of his visit to New York State was to look over the state which had been chosen for the federal building in Troy. He went to Albany, but forgot all about Troy, and had not been back in Washington much more than forty-eight hours before he began to charge efficient employees who were Republicans, and to appoint Democrats in their places to please Gorman, Kennan and other Democratic Senators. This, it will be remembered, took place before the close of Mr. Arthur's administration. Instead of resigning on the 4th of March, he used every device in his power and all the political wiles he could pull to retain his place until the last moment, and throughout the whole of his incumbency of the office after the inauguration of President Cleveland, Mr. L. Bell continuously sacrificed no At this hour no order for removal of the troops has been issued, but there is reason to believe that one will be issued in the near future. It is believed that the guilty shall pay the penalty, and that Smith and his posse, as well as Hawes, must answer to the country. When the military leave there will probably be little trouble, if any.

#### MINOR MATTERS.

Preparing to Vacate Their Places—Democratic "Simplification and Honesty."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—There is wonderful hustling around the departments now by Democratic officials who expect to go out of office soon after next March. They were so confident they would be continued in office that they made little or no provision for the future. They were profligate and spent nearly all of their salaries, and laid no groundwork for business connections outside. Now that they realize that they are confronted with private citizenship they are hastening to secure other employment. An old clerk in the Treasury Department tells me that more than one-half of the chiefs of division there, and other high grades of officers who are not protected by the civil-service rules, are now, or have been, endeavoring to get away from their posts, notwithstanding the fact that they exhausted their regular thirty days' leave of absence which is granted every year. Several have made arrangements to go away indefinitely. These extraordinary leaves are granted on full pay. It appears that the administration which came into power with such a glare of trumpet and blareney and reform has no scruple whatever about the allowance of salaries without the rendering of service. It will be remembered that a few months after Mr. Cleveland took possession of affairs, a lot of the horses and carriages used by department officers were sold, and it was announced that the Jefferson principle would dictate the use of legs and the patronage of cars. There are many horses and carriages now used for pleasure and official business round the capital as there have been before.

#### Orders for the Hayti Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Orders were issued by the Navy Department to-day for the United States steamer Galea and Yantic to sail from New York to-morrow for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, to enforce the demand of this government for the release of the steamer Haytian Republic. They will sail in company and be under the command of Rear-admiral Lane, who has been instructed to transfer his flag from the Richmond to the Galea. The owner of the Haytian Republic, by special permission of the Secretary of the Navy, will be a passenger on the Galea, and it is therefore expected that the vessel will be restored to him as soon as it gets into the possession of the naval officers. Secretary Whitney returned from New York yesterday afternoon and was at

the Navy Department to-day. He declined to talk about the Haytian trouble, on the ground that there was nothing to say what has already appeared in the newspapers.

#### Indiana Pensions.

Pensions have been granted the following named Indians:

Originals—James T. Herrall, Washington; Robert Clark, Brownstown; Thomas H. Dinsmore, Madison; Jordan Hall, New Albany; Jerry Saunty, Evansville; Gilbert H. Shaw, Leavenworth; William H. Wilson, Shelbyville; William Miliken, Crawfordsville; John Johnston, Crothersville.

Increases—James M. Yoder, Nashville; John A. Moore, Crawfordsville; John H. Baker, Madison; Robert Balliston, New Albany; Robert W. Weatherington, Vernon; Edward Nolan, North Vernon; John Weaver, Lawrenceburg; Edward N. Connor, Salem; Benjamin D. Wilson, Shelbyville; John A. Wilson, Vernon.

Deceaseds, etc.—William B. Adams, Franklin; David J. Wilson, Bloomington; John D. Carter, Orleans; Frederick Lotz, Otsie; Samuel H. Roney, Evansville; William H. Helmeringer, Gosport; L. A. Phelps, Bloomington; Eliza E. widow of Preston B. Simpson, Bedford.

#### Indiana Patents.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Patents were granted to Indiana inventors, to-day, as follows:

Jeremiah A. Barber, Newville, fence; Frances M. Beck, Wabash, shaft-bearing; Chas. A. Coppeland, Evansville, electric apparatus for lighting; Louis G. Gustab, Westfield, game trap; Franklin F. Harman, Honey Creek, conducer; Thomas B. Harrison, assignor to Harrison & Co., Westfield, Company, Anderson, typewriter machine; Robert C. and G. E. Hawley, South Bend, apparatus for heating grain; Samuel Hobson, Rockport, portable fence; Clement Hoover, Winchester, headrest; Albert P. Sibbey and G. O. Ware, South Bend, bushing for split pulleys.

#### Good News for South Bend.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The House committee on public buildings and grounds has decided to report favorably a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the erection of a public building at South Bend, Ind.

#### General Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Corporal Tanner, of Brooklyn, who canvassed Indiana with Gen. Hovey, arrived from Ohio, this morning, where he has been on a lecturing tour among the Grand Army posts. "We were afforded a great deal of amusement on the journey," said Mr. Tanner, "by reading the accounts in the New York papers about the manner in which Russell Harrison was received in Ohio. The theories were more amusing to Russell Harrison than any of us. He was on the train on his way to New York."

A letter was transmitted to the House, to-day, from the Public Printer, submitting an estimate for a deficiency appropriation of \$350,000 for the current fiscal year.

The House committee on military affairs to-day ordered a favorable report to be made on a bill to place Gen. John C. Fremont on the retired list of the army as a major-general.

The T. Applewhite, of Brownstown, Ind., is here.

The Comptroller of the Currency to-day approved the Citizens National Bank of Louisville, and the Comptroller of the Currency to-day approved the Citizens National Bank of Louisville.

Charles T. Pickett, of Union City; Isaac B. Faulkner, of Mitchell; Wells Johnson, of Oshtemo; and Edward W. Johnson, of Cumberland, were to-day admitted to practice before the Interior Department.

Mr. W. F. Davis, of Indiana, was to-day appointed a carpenter in the Postoffice Department.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM TRAGEDY.

Gov. Say Indorses the Action of the Sheriff, but Other People Exhibit Ugly Temper.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 11.—Gov. Say had interviews with many gentlemen this morning on the subject of the tragedy of Saturday night. The Governor afterwards had an interview with Sheriff Smith, and said that he indorsed the sheriff's action and was glad that Jefferson county had a high sheriff who, no matter how painful his duty, could uphold the law and protect the county jail.

The events of to-day are briefly told. The coroner's jury to investigate the shooting met, and adjourned till to-morrow in order to procure witnesses. Sheriff Smith was released on \$25,000 bond, and was charged of his office again to-morrow. Beginning to-morrow the troops will be sent away, one company at a time, until all are gone. Martin Walker and Jeff Brown, who were arrested, are supposed accomplices in the Hawes murder, but the evidence against them is only circumstantial. None of the wounded have died to-day.

A new turn came to affairs when another warrant, charging Sheriff Smith with the murder of Mr. Hawes, was issued. When the first warrant was for the murder of Throckmorton, Coroner and Acting Sheriff Babbitt has been for several hours in search of Smith, but to this time he is understood, however, that his friends have already made up another bond of \$25,000 to secure his release on the second warrant. The still another warrant was issued, and in each case Judge Winkley will require a similar amount of security. Where the arresting and bonding process will stop it is hard to tell, but it looks from outward indications as if wisdom and proper regard for self-preservation would dictate to Smith to remain quiet a while longer in jail. The investigation of the coroner into the causes of the shooting of Hawes and her little daughter May, has continued all day, and the evidence is not yet in. To-morrow a verdict will probably be given to the public.

At 11 p. m. the warrant for the second arrest of Smith had not been executed, the officers being unable to find Smith. Whether he has left the city or not is not known, as no clue can be obtained as to his whereabouts. It is believed, however, that the officers will be able to find him, and that he will avoid danger of any sort. At this hour no order for removal of the troops has been issued, but there is reason to believe that one will be issued in the near future. It is believed that the guilty shall pay the penalty, and that Smith and his posse, as well as Hawes, must answer to the country. When the military leave there will probably be little trouble, if any.

#### THE BURLINGTON CONSPIRACY.

Several Witnesses Identify Bowles as the Man Who Furnished the Dynamite.

GENEVA, Ill., Dec. 11.—Evidence in regard to the Eola explosion was given at the trial of the "Q" dynamite, yesterday. The testimony of witness Louis Stebbins, the baggage-master; Frank O'Neil, conductor; W. B. Thompson, engineer; Andrew Stephenson, brakeman; J. W. Birge, fireman, and John Giffies, brakeman, was, in substance the same. They all heard a loud, sharp report. The engineer and fireman saw a flash, and were both considerably shaken up. The head-light and cab lights were put out, and the flange of a wheel was broken for about twenty-two inches.

Thomas C. Lloyd, of Noblesville, Ind., testified to seeing John A. Bowles dynamite on several occasions, and identified some of the explosive.

Kirk Howe, of Westfield, Ind., testified to seeing Bowles dynamite fuse and fuming cap.

Thomas F. Cleary, a detective, testified to seeing Bowles and Bowles on the train running from Aurora to Chicago July 5, 1888. He searched Broderick and found a pocket-book and half a dozen fuming caps.

Robert W. Corey, master mechanic of the Galeburg division, testified that he examined the track the morning after the explosion and found the crossing badly broken and a hole underneath about two inches deep. He had also examined the engine and found that the flange of the wheel was broken for about twenty-two inches; the opposite truck wheel was fractured.

John Mulligan was the last witness, and he testified to conversations he had with Baureisen and others concerning the purchase of dynamite. The witness was a Pinkerton detective, and he was in company with Broderick and Bowles when they took dynamite to Chicago to be placed on the Sixty-fourth-street crossing in order to catch the 6:30 train on the evening of July 5. They were all arrested, however, before their designs could be carried out. The court then adjourned.

The Ohio Supreme Court has granted the motion to take out of its order the case of the State against George H. Stagner and Henry S. Ives. Time for hearing will be fixed hereafter.

#### EXPLOSION OF MEAL MUST

A Section of Chicago Roused from Slumber in Strange and Startling Manner.

Several Large Buildings Completely Wrecked and Four Men Killed—An Explosion That Developed Most Amazing Force.

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—Three men are known to have been killed, one fatally injured, and a number of people badly bruised and shaken up, this morning, by an explosion of meal dust, which completely wrecked a three-story brick building on North Halsted street, occupied by David Oliver as an oat-mill. Several adjoining buildings were also badly shattered. The explosion, which occurred shortly after 2 o'clock, was a terrific one, the shock being felt a mile away. The buildings in the immediate vicinity were bombarded with flying bricks and timbers, and nearly every pane of window-glass within a radius of six blocks was smashed. Almost before the rumble of the explosion died away, flames sprang up from the wrecked mill and the whole place was ablaze in a few minutes. The fire spread with incredible rapidity, and when the first fire companies reached the scene they found a block of roaring flames to contend with. A general alarm was at once turned in. Engines were stationed at every available point around the blazing patch, and buildings that did not take fire at the first onslaught, were threatened by a kind of work. Sparks that were carried through the air by the wind ignited buildings two blocks away, and for half an hour the firemen had all they could do to prevent a dozen serious conflagrations. The streets were filled with debris for a block on every side of the burned patch, and this seriously obstructed the firemen in their work. They stumbled over boards, timbers, and debris until their clothes were torn, their hands and faces cut, and their limbs badly stiffened that they could scarcely walk. They were nearly two hours before the flames were under control. When the fire was at its highest the wild rumors prevailed regarding the loss of life. It was known that about twenty in the planing-mill next door. Besides these, the neighboring houses contained many men, women and children. 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